IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.20056 of 2006
Date of Decision: 18.12.2006

M/s Surmukh Punjab Bus Service Barnala

Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM:- **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASBIR SINGH**

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRITAM PAL

Present: Shri Pawan Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner

Jasbir Singh, J. (Oral)

Four buses of the petitioner were impounded on 12.2.2005, 29.3.2005, 9.8.2005 and 13.3.2004 for non-payment of taxes under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1989. The petitioner, thereafter, made three applications, to assess the tax due so that it can make necessary payment and get its buses released. It is grievance of the petitioner that no action has been taken on representations (Annexures P/1 to P/3) by the competent officer.

In view of facts mentioned in this writ petition, without saying anything on merits, the writ petition is disposed of by issuing directions to respondent No.2, to take note and decide representations (Annexures P/1 to P/3) of the petitioner, by passing a speaking order. The petitioner will be intimated as to how much amount is due towards payment of taxes and if it pays that amount, the buses be released as per law. An opportunity of hearing be granted to the petitioner before disposal of representations. Needful be done within two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(Jasbir Singh)
Judge

December 18, 2006
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(Pritam Pal)
Judge